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1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
2 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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In re: VEECO INSTRUMENTS, INC.

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11 DEPOSITION of STEELWORKERS PENSION FUND, by
12 WILLIAM DODGE, taken pursuant to subpoena, held
13 at the offices of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, LLP,
14 200 Park Avenue, 48th Floor, New York, New York
15 10166, on December 15, 2005, at 2:00 p.m.,
16 before, a Notary Public within and for the State
17 of New York.

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<p style="text-align: right;">3</p> <p>1</p> <p>2 STIPULATIONS</p> <p>3</p> <p>4 IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and 5 between the attorneys for the respective parties 6 herein, that filing, sealing and certification, 7 and the same are, hereby waived.</p> <p>8</p> <p>9 IT IS FURTHER STIPULATED AND AGREED that 10 all objections except as to the form of the 11 question, shall be reserved to the time of the 12 trial.</p> <p>13</p> <p>14 IT IS FURTHER STIPULATED AND AGREED that 15 the within deposition may be signed and sworn to 16 by an officer authorized to administer an oath, 17 with the same force and effect as if signed and 18 sworn to before the Court.</p> <p>19</p> <p>20</p> <p>21 xxxxx</p> <p>22</p> <p>23</p> <p>24</p> <p>25</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">5</p> <p>1 Dodge</p> <p>2 try to observe since this is by telephone.</p> <p>3 I'm going to be asking you questions, 4 and if I ask you a question that is 5 confusing to you for some reason, then I 6 would like for you to let me know and I will 7 consider at that time whether I need to 8 rephrase the question. Otherwise, if you 9 don't understand that -- if you don't say 10 anything, I'm going to assume that you did 11 understand the question and I'm going to 12 look to you for an answer.</p> <p>13 It's important in any deposition for 14 the attorneys and the witness to avoid 15 talking over each other because it makes it 16 hard for our court reporter to get 17 everything down. Since we are proceeding by 18 telephone, that is especially important, so 19 I'm going to try and be very conscious of 20 not starting to talk until you're done with 21 your answers, and I would likewise ask that 22 you be very careful to let me finish my 23 question before you start answering and also 24 to allow for a brief pause after I state my 25 questions to make sure that your counsel</p>

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1 Dodge
 2 doesn't feel she needs to object for some
 3 reason.
 4 Do you understand all that?
 5 A I do.
 6 Q Okay. Have you ever been deposed
 7 before?
 8 A Yes, I have.
 9 Q On how many occasions?
 10 A Twice.
 11 Q When was the last time you were
 12 deposed?
 13 A 1988.
 14 Q And what sort of matter was it?
 15 A It involved the Commodity Futures
 16 Trading Commission versus a local lead
 17 dealer, Chicago Board Options Exchange,
 18 usually referred to as the CBOE.
 19 Q Were you a party in that litigation?
 20 A No, we were not.
 21 Q Were you deposed as a nonparty
 22 witness?
 23 A That's correct.
 24 Q When were you deposed prior to that?
 25 A I can't give you the exact date.

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1 Dodge
 2 '78, '79. Somewhere in that time frame.
 3 Q What type of matter was that related
 4 to?
 5 A A dispute over property rights, I
 6 guess. I couldn't even begin to describe
 7 exactly what the nature, you know, the
 8 specific nature of it was.
 9 Q Okay. Were you a party in that
 10 litigation?
 11 A No.
 12 Q Have you ever given testimony in
 13 court before?
 14 A No.
 15 Q I'll just try and run through these
 16 background questions relatively quickly
 17 since we don't have a lot of time.
 18 When did you graduate from college?
 19 A My last degree was in 1980, master's
 20 degree from the University of Massachusetts.
 21 Before that, 1976, the University of
 22 Massachusetts.
 23 Q What was your master's degree in?
 24 A General business and finance.
 25 Q What was the first job you held after

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1 Dodge
 2 you graduated from college?
 3 A Research assistant.
 4 Q For whom?
 5 A American Institute of Counselors?
 6 Q What type of organization is American
 7 Institute of Counselors?
 8 A Investment organization, investment
 9 management firm.
 10 Q How long did you stay in that
 11 position?
 12 A Until September of 1979.
 13 Q I see. So you started with --
 14 started with them prior to graduating from
 15 college?
 16 A The undergraduate -- no. I graduated
 17 the December semester in 1975. The date on
 18 my degree is the following graduation year.
 19 Then I started working in February of 1976.
 20 I had been in the Marine Corps, and I had
 21 off -- came back to school in January
 22 instead of September.
 23 Q What was the next job that you held?
 24 A I was a securities analyst for
 25 American Security Bank of Washington, D.C.

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1 Dodge
 2 Q For what period of time?
 3 A 1979 to 1981.
 4 Q What was your next job after that?
 5 A Chief investment officer, National
 6 Bank of Washington, Washington, D.C.
 7 Q What period of time were you the
 8 chief investment officer for that
 9 organization?
 10 A November 1981 to August of 1983.
 11 MS. KARP: Bill, this is Judy.
 12 Just slow down.
 13 Q What was your next job after that?
 14 A E.I. DuPont in the DuPont Pension
 15 Fund in Wilmington, Delaware.
 16 Q What responsibilities did you have
 17 with respect to that pension fund?
 18 A I was a director of quantitative
 19 equity strategies and senior portfolio
 20 manager.
 21 Q What were your responsibilities in
 22 that position?
 23 A I managed \$4.3 billion of domestic
 24 equity assets.
 25 Q Were these assets of DuPont?

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1 Dodge

2 A They were assets of the retirement

3 plan for DuPont employees.

4 Q How long did you hold that position?

5 A Until October of 1991.

6 Q Maybe I misunderstood. Was that

7 before or after you worked for National

8 Bank? Wait, no. That's after. Fine.

9 What was the next job after that?

10 A I was the chief investment strategist

11 and chairman of the investment policy

12 committee for Dean Witter Discover in New

13 York City.

14 Q During what period of time did you

15 hold that position?

16 A October 1991 to April 1, 1996.

17 Q What were your job responsibilities

18 there?

19 A To set policy and communicate policy

20 to the clients, Dean Witter.

21 Q Policies of what sort?

22 A Specific investment recommendations

23 with respect to allocations to stocks and

24 bonds as well as individual securities to be

25 purchased, mostly equity investments.

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1 Dodge

2 assets you were managing at Marvin & Palmer

3 Associates?

4 A Approximately 600 million. I'm not

5 certain of the exact amount.

6 Q What job did you next have after you

7 left Marvin & Palmer Associates?

8 A I was the president and chief

9 investment officer of equities for Delaware

10 Equity Investors in Delaware, Pennsylvania.

11 Q What were your job responsibilities

12 at Delaware Equity Investors?

13 A I oversaw the investment programs for

14 54 investment managers who managed -- excuse

15 me, portfolio managers and analysts who

16 managed mutual funds and separate accounts

17 for institutions and individuals.

18 Q How long did you hold that position?

19 A Until December 31, 2002.

20 Q What position did you hold after you

21 left Delaware Equity Investors?

22 A I started my own firm, Nine Gates

23 Capital, LLC.

24 Q How many employees were there in Nine

25 Gates Capital?

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1 Dodge

2 Q Was this primarily with

3 high-net-worth individuals?

4 A There were roughly 2.5 million

5 clients and they were broadly across retail,

6 small and high-net-worth individuals as well

7 as major institutions in the United States,

8 Europe and Australia, Canada as well.

9 Q Did you move to Fox Asset Management

10 after you left Dean Witter?

11 A I did not.

12 Q What was your next job after Dean

13 Witter?

14 A Marvin & Palmer Associates in

15 Wilmington, Delaware.

16 Q What position did you hold there?

17 A President and senior portfolio

18 manager.

19 Q What period of time did you hold that

20 position?

21 A April 1996 to April 1998.

22 Q What were your job responsibilities

23 there?

24 A Managed domestic equity assets.

25 Q What was the total amount of the

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1 Dodge

2 A Four.

3 Q Were you the only principal?

4 A I was the sole member.

5 Q Is that organization still in

6 operation?

7 A No. The corporate shell still exists

8 as a legal entity but has assigned all its

9 entities to my current firm, Fox Asset

10 Management.

11 Q When did that take place?

12 A Approximately March 9th, 2005.

13 Q Am I correct that Fox Asset

14 Management had been in existence prior to

15 your assignment of Nine Gates Capital's

16 assets to that firm?

17 A You would be correct in that

18 assumption.

19 Q But you didn't work for Fox Asset

20 Management prior to March 9, 2005?

21 A That's correct.

22 Q Are you currently a member of Fox

23 Asset Management?

24 A Yes.

25 Q How many other members are there?

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1 Dodge

2 A Fox Asset Management, LLC, I believe

3 there are two or members.

4 Q Who are they?

5 A I believe James B. Hawks, chairman,

6 Eaton, E-A-T-O-N, Vance, V-A-N-C-E,

7 Companies in Boston, a parent of Fox Asset

8 Management, LLC, and Jeffrey Balae,

9 B-A-L-A-E, chief investment officer of Eaton

10 Vance Companies, Boston, Massachusetts.

11 Q Is Peter Skirkanich currently

12 employed by Fox Asset Management?

13 A He is not.

14 Q Do you know when he left the firm?

15 A I believe it was November 7th of

16 2004, but I'm not one hundred percent

17 certain. Close to that date.

18 Q Do you know the reason why he left?

19 A He resigned and retired.

20 Q Is Robert Lamberti still employed by

21 Fox Asset Management?

22 A He is not.

23 Q Do you know when he left the firm?

24 A Approximately January 8th of 2005.

25 Q Do you know why he left?

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1 Dodge

2 A He did not give a reason for

3 resigning.

4 Q What are your current job

5 responsibilities at Fox Asset Management?

6 A I am the chief executive officer,

7 president of Fox, and I am responsible for

8 all activities at Fox Asset Management, LLC

9 on a day-to-day basis.

10 Q How many employees does -- how many

11 professional employees does Fox Asset

12 Management have?

13 A I'm sorry. Do you mean to say

14 investment professionals?

15 Q That's exactly what I mean.

16 A Nine.

17 Q Is that including you?

18 A That includes me.

19 Q Does Fox Asset Management currently

20 have a relationship with the Steelworkers

21 Pension Trust?

22 A Yes, they do.

23 Q Is there a particular investment

24 professional that is primarily responsible

25 currently for investing on behalf of the

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1 Dodge

2 Steelworkers Pension Trust?

3 A At the present time that would be me.

4 Q How long have you been directly

5 responsible for managing the Steelworkers

6 Pension Trust assets?

7 A I'm not sure if there is a specific

8 date I can refer to, but it would be in the

9 May to June time of this year.

10 Q Is there some business reason why you

11 assumed responsibility for the Steelworkers

12 Pension Trust assets at that time?

13 A It's been my intention to be involved

14 in the management of client accounts in

15 particular clients whose mandates are for

16 large cap value investments, and it's a very

17 important client to us and I also take a

18 very special interest because of that, and I

19 have a past relationship with one of the

20 advisors to the pension trust.

21 Q Which advisor are you referring to?

22 A Mr. Howard Klutz, K-L-U-T-Z.

23 Q What is your previous relationship

24 with Mr. Klutz?

25 A He was a salesman who covered me at

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1 Dodge

2 the National Bank of Washington.

3 Q What is your understanding of the

4 services that Mr. Klutz provides to the

5 Steelworkers Pension Trust currently?

6 A I couldn't give you a specific

7 definition.

8 Q Well, was he responsible for

9 reviewing the investment performance of the

10 Steelworkers Pension Trust money managers?

11 A I would -- our interaction with

12 Mr. Klutz suggests that he does maintain

13 records concerning the performance and may

14 function in what I would describe -- and

15 it's my terminology -- a business manager.

16 He obviously also works closely with

17 an investment management consultant; I

18 believe it's Dahab Associates, in reviewing

19 manager performance and manager selection,

20 but I do not know his former role or title.

21 Q Do you know Mr. Dahab?

22 A I've met Mr. Dahab once previously.

23 Q When was that?

24 A Spring of 2005.

25 Q How many clients are currently

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1 Dodge
 2 investing through Fox Asset Management?
 3 A I don't know exactly. The total
 4 number of accounts at Fox's is slightly in
 5 excess of a thousand.
 6 Q How many accounts are as large or
 7 larger than the Steelworkers Pension Trust?
 8 A Less than five.
 9 Q Did you have any relationship with
 10 the Steelworkers Pension Trust prior to
 11 joining Fox Asset Management?
 12 A I have not.
 13 Q Do you know what the total amount of
 14 assets that the Steelworkers Pension Trust
 15 currently has invested through Fox Asset
 16 Management?
 17 A Exactly, I do not.
 18 Q Approximately?
 19 A A hundred million.
 20 Q Do you have a sense of how in the
 21 aggregate the Steelworkers Investment Trust
 22 assets have -- strike that question.
 23 Do you have a sense of how the assets
 24 the Steelworkers Investment Trust has
 25 invested through Fox Asset Management have

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1 Dodge
 2 perform over the last two years? Perhaps we
 3 can put a finer point on it. Has it out
 4 performed the S&P?
 5 A Yes.
 6 Q Do you know by how much?
 7 A Off the top of my head, no. I have
 8 it right here in front of me on the
 9 computer. Can I look it up if you'd like to
 10 know?
 11 Q I don't think that's -- that's not
 12 necessary to take your time to do that.
 13 A It's a relatively wide margin versus
 14 the S&P, but I don't know precisely over the
 15 last two years.
 16 Q How many clients, for how many
 17 clients are you personally supervising their
 18 investment currently?
 19 A Seven, perhaps.
 20 Q Are they all large accounts?
 21 A Yes, they tend to be large accounts.
 22 Q Do you know who at Fox Asset
 23 Management was responsible for making
 24 investment decisions concerning the
 25 Steelworkers Pension Trust prior to your

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1 Dodge
 2 assumption of those duties in May or June of
 3 2005?
 4 A Doug Edler.
 5 Q How do you spell that last name?
 6 A E, as in Edward, D-L-E-R, and before
 7 that, up until his resignation, Robert
 8 Lamberty. And prior to that and from
 9 inception until I believe the year 2000,
 10 Peter Skirkanich.
 11 Q Do you have -- do you know the dates
 12 for which Mr. Skirkanich managed the steel
 13 pension trust investments, approximately?
 14 A I don't know the date in the year
 15 2000, or the month even.
 16 Q Do you know when he passed the duties
 17 to Mr. Lamberti?
 18 A Yes, but he was the portfolio manager
 19 responsible for the account from the signing
 20 of the contract through his retirement and
 21 resignation in November of '04. The sole
 22 portfolio manager, actually.
 23 Q Am I correct then that Mr. Lamberti
 24 managed it from November of '04 through
 25 January 8th of 2005?

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1 Dodge
 2 A I would say yes, to approximately
 3 those dates.
 4 Q And Mr. Edler managed the investments
 5 from January 8, 2005 through May or June of
 6 2005?
 7 A April, May.
 8 Q Is Mr. Edler still with Fox Asset
 9 Management?
 10 A He is. Yes, he is.
 11 Q Did your assumption of the position
 12 of investment manager of securities for the
 13 Steelworkers Pension Fund have anything to
 14 do with Mr. Edler's performance?
 15 A No, sir.
 16 Q Do you have any other training in
 17 accounting other than whatever you received
 18 in the course of getting your MBA?
 19 A Do you mean accounting specifically,
 20 specifically what would be a CPA or
 21 something like that?
 22 Q Yes.
 23 A No.
 24 Q Do you have any training in finance
 25 other than what you received through the

<p style="text-align: right;">22</p> <p>1 Dodge</p> <p>2 course of getting your MBA?</p> <p>3 A No.</p> <p>4 Q Does Fox Asset Management manage its</p> <p>5 own investments as well as the investments</p> <p>6 of others?</p> <p>7 A Fox, yes.</p> <p>8 Q How much of the -- how much Fox</p> <p>9 assets are under investment?</p> <p>10 A Less than \$250,000.</p> <p>11 Q Maybe you can just briefly describe</p> <p>12 to me the business mission of Fox Asset</p> <p>13 Management as you understand it.</p> <p>14 A Well, our mission is to manage our</p> <p>15 client assets in accordance with a value</p> <p>16 discipline and achieve performance results</p> <p>17 in excess of standard industry benchmarks</p> <p>18 across a range of value products.</p> <p>19 Q What do you mean when you say you try</p> <p>20 to achieve results across a range of value</p> <p>21 products?</p> <p>22 A We have small cap, mid cap and large</p> <p>23 cap value products and we have others across</p> <p>24 the capitalization spectrum, each of which</p> <p>25 is evaluated traditionally by standard</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">24</p> <p>1 Dodge</p> <p>2 A We are value investors in the</p> <p>3 tradition of Benjamin Graham and Paul</p> <p>4 Miller, and we do not buy securities. We're</p> <p>5 a price/earnings ratio. Our price to cash</p> <p>6 flow, our multiples exceed 80 percent of the</p> <p>7 underlying benchmarks. P/E ratios are</p> <p>8 priced to cash flow, multiple.</p> <p>9 We -- after we have screened the</p> <p>10 market for companies that passed that</p> <p>11 threshold, we examine the overall quality of</p> <p>12 the company's balance sheet, its industry</p> <p>13 position and relative competitive advantages</p> <p>14 or disadvantages, the quality of management,</p> <p>15 and we select securities after that</p> <p>16 evaluation for inclusion of the portfolio.</p> <p>17 We meet as a group. We have an</p> <p>18 investment committee that reviews new</p> <p>19 recommendations prior to inclusion of client</p> <p>20 portfolios. We buy the stocks and with an</p> <p>21 independent trading desk.</p> <p>22 Q Does Fox Asset Management focus in</p> <p>23 particular sectors for their investors?</p> <p>24 A Sector allocations are the residual</p> <p>25 of our screening process and are subject to</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">23</p> <p>1 Dodge</p> <p>2 benchmarks, such as the S&P 500, Russell</p> <p>3 indexes or custom benchmarks.</p> <p>4 Q Do clients invest in a particular</p> <p>5 type of fund within Fox Asset Management?</p> <p>6 In other words, do they focus on small cap,</p> <p>7 mid cap or large cap?</p> <p>8 A Could you repeat that question?</p> <p>9 MR. WALLIN: Why don't we just</p> <p>10 strike that question. Let me try and</p> <p>11 ask it again.</p> <p>12 Q Do individual clients of Fox Asset</p> <p>13 Management set their own investment</p> <p>14 strategies?</p> <p>15 A Yes.</p> <p>16 Q What is your understanding of what</p> <p>17 the Steelworkers Pension Trust investment</p> <p>18 strategy was?</p> <p>19 A They want us to use a broad value</p> <p>20 benchmark, and we are encouraged to invest</p> <p>21 across the value spectrum in small, medium</p> <p>22 and large capitalization stocks consistent</p> <p>23 with our underlying investment process.</p> <p>24 Q Can you describe your underlying</p> <p>25 investment process?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">25</p> <p>1 Dodge</p> <p>2 evaluation. We, from time to time, have</p> <p>3 significant exposures to industries, and it</p> <p>4 varies from time to time when we have</p> <p>5 significant exposures. We have limits with</p> <p>6 respect to percentage of the portfolio that</p> <p>7 can be in any given industry or in any</p> <p>8 different securities. That does provide a</p> <p>9 cap to that exposure.</p> <p>10 Q In which sector would you place Veeco</p> <p>11 Instruments?</p> <p>12 A Broadly, technology or instruments,</p> <p>13 electronic instruments.</p> <p>14 Q When did you first hear of Veeco</p> <p>15 Instruments?</p> <p>16 A Veeco, 1981. Somewhere back in the</p> <p>17 '80s.</p> <p>18 Q Have you ever purchased Veeco</p> <p>19 Instruments securities for a client other</p> <p>20 than the Steelworkers Pension Trust?</p> <p>21 A I believe so.</p> <p>22 Q I won't ask you the details about</p> <p>23 them now.</p> <p>24 A I believe the National Bank of</p> <p>25 Washington, somewhere in 1981, 1982.</p>

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1 Dodge

2 Q Any other purchases that you can

3 recall?

4 A I think I can say emphatically, no.

5 Q Who is currently on the investment

6 committee of Fox Asset Management?

7 A Bill Dodge, Doug Edler, Greg Greene,

8 G-R-E-E-N-E, George Pierides,

9 P-I-E-R-I-D-E-S, Phil Laverson,

10 L-A-V-E-R-S-O-N, Bradley Ohlmuller,

11 O-H-L-M-U-L-L-E-R, and Phillip Sloan,

12 S-L-O-A-N.

13 Q That sounds like the entire list of

14 investment professionals; is that correct?

15 A It is not correct. That are two,

16 three others that are not there.

17 Q Okay. And how often does the

18 investment committee meet?

19 A Approximately weekly, or as market

20 conditions dictate.

21 Q Do you have the final say currently

22 on all investment decisions?

23 A I hope so.

24 Q You sound skeptical.

25 A Not really. Yes, I do.

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1 Dodge

2 A To exceed the S&P 500, Russell 1000

3 value benchmarks over time.

4 Q Do you feel that Fox Asset Management

5 has met those investment objective over the

6 last two or three years?

7 A Absolutely.

8 Q How would you characterize the

9 Steelworkers Pension Trust's tolerance for

10 risk?

11 A I think their tolerance for risk is

12 defined by a well-diversified portfolio, and

13 they don't go beyond that.

14 Q Has Fox Asset Management, or I should

15 say during the last three years has Fox

16 Asset Management purchased any other

17 securities on behalf of the Steelworkers

18 Pension Trust other than equities?

19 A I couldn't say for sure.

20 Q Are you aware of the purchase of

21 anything other than equities?

22 A I am not aware of the purchase of

23 anything other than equities.

24 Q Do you know if Fox Asset Management

25 has ever purchased options on the

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1 Dodge

2 Q Who had that responsibility prior to

3 you?

4 A During the period between

5 Mr. Lamberti and myself, it was a committee.

6 MS. KARP: Did you mean to say

7 between you and Lamberti?

8 THE WITNESS: I did. I do

9 mean between Lamberti and myself.

10 That -- to be specific, that

11 time period between Lamberti's

12 departure and my arrival in early

13 March, the chair of the investment

14 committee was a committee of three

15 persons.

16 Q Do you know their names?

17 A Yes, I do. George Pierides, Greg

18 Greene, Doug Edler.

19 Q Did Mr. Skirkanich have the final say

20 on investment decisions prior to

21 Mr. Lamberti?

22 A That's correct.

23 Q How would you characterize the

24 Steelworkers Pension Trust investment

25 objectives?

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1 Dodge

2 Steelworkers Pension Fund's behalf?

3 A There would be no circumstances that

4 I imagine that they would have done that.

5 Q Has Fox Asset Management ever

6 purchased securities on margin on the

7 Steelworkers Pension Fund's behalf?

8 A I can't imagine any circumstances

9 which they would ever do that.

10 Q How many securities transactions does

11 Fox Asset Management typically engage in on

12 the Steelworkers Pension Trust behalf in a

13 given year?

14 A I think you should rephrase the

15 question. I can't answer it specifically.

16 I might answer the question as

17 follows by saying or getting at the point

18 which is our turnover ratio or that

19 percentage of the market value of a

20 portfolio at December 31st of any year that

21 we turn over or sell and buy securities with

22 is about 25 percent or 30 percent, so the

23 average holding period for securities in our

24 account is three to four years, usually.

25 Q Is that across all of Fox Assets

<p style="text-align: right;">30</p> <p>1 Dodge</p> <p>2 Management's account or just the</p> <p>3 Steelworkers?</p> <p>4 A I would say that can be generalized</p> <p>5 plus or minus five percent or so, ten</p> <p>6 percent, across all of our products.</p> <p>7 Q Let me ask you a slightly different</p> <p>8 question: How many different securities is</p> <p>9 Fox Asset Management currently invested in</p> <p>10 on the Steelworkers Pension Trust behalf?</p> <p>11 A Approximately 53.</p> <p>12 Q Do you know if that number has</p> <p>13 changed significantly over the last two or</p> <p>14 three years?</p> <p>15 A I do not know.</p> <p>16 Q Who is Fox Asset Management's main</p> <p>17 contact person currently at the Steelworkers</p> <p>18 Pension Trust?</p> <p>19 A Howard Klutz.</p> <p>20 Q Is Mr. Klutz an employee of the</p> <p>21 Steelworkers Pension Trust?</p> <p>22 A I don't believe so. I'm sure he's</p> <p>23 not, actually. No, he's not.</p> <p>24 Q How often does Fox Asset Management</p> <p>25 speak to Mr. Klutz concerning the</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">32</p> <p>1 Dodge</p> <p>2 if we're number 1 or number 2 in equities,</p> <p>3 and I think that's the strongest category.</p> <p>4 Year to date, I believe we're number 2. I</p> <p>5 have information here -- well, that's what</p> <p>6 it is.</p> <p>7 Q Does that hold true for the prior two</p> <p>8 years as well?</p> <p>9 A You know, gives us the year to date</p> <p>10 information because -- I can't answer that,</p> <p>11 because I came after the year end. I have</p> <p>12 not looked at and have not seen what it was</p> <p>13 for the year to end. I know they're happy</p> <p>14 with the relationship, so I'm assuming we've</p> <p>15 been in the top two or three.</p> <p>16 Q Are you the person at Fox Asset</p> <p>17 Management that is currently primarily</p> <p>18 responsible for communicating with</p> <p>19 Mr. Klutz?</p> <p>20 A From an investment perspective I am,</p> <p>21 and from a general administrative point of</p> <p>22 view I am not.</p> <p>23 Q Mr. Sloan is the person for the</p> <p>24 administrative point of view?</p> <p>25 A That's correct.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">31</p> <p>1 Dodge</p> <p>2 Steelworkers Pension Trust's investments?</p> <p>3 A Do you mean voice communication?</p> <p>4 Q I should say how often does Fox Asset</p> <p>5 Management communicate with Mr. Klutz</p> <p>6 concerning the Steelworkers Pension Trust</p> <p>7 concerning investments?</p> <p>8 A Once a month, at least.</p> <p>9 Q Are those communications typically by</p> <p>10 telephone?</p> <p>11 A I'd say they are more often e-mailed</p> <p>12 or written letters.</p> <p>13 Q And are these communications</p> <p>14 primarily with you currently?</p> <p>15 A I believe there's a carbon or cc to</p> <p>16 the marketing contact, our client service</p> <p>17 person, Phillip Sloan and myself. We get</p> <p>18 regularly our performance rank versus the</p> <p>19 other managers and -- that are managing the</p> <p>20 Steelworkers funds so we can see how we're</p> <p>21 doing relative to other people.</p> <p>22 Q And how have you done over the last</p> <p>23 two or three years relative to the</p> <p>24 Steelworkers' other money managers?</p> <p>25 A I think we're either -- I'm not sure</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">33</p> <p>1 Dodge</p> <p>2 Q Were Mr. Lamberti and Mr. Skirkanich</p> <p>3 the primary investment contacts with</p> <p>4 Mr. Klutz prior to you?</p> <p>5 A Well, they were the primary</p> <p>6 investment contacts. To what extent it was</p> <p>7 with Mr. Klutz, I don't know.</p> <p>8 Q Does Fox Asset Management have a</p> <p>9 contact person that is employed by the</p> <p>10 Steelworkers Pension Trust?</p> <p>11 A We do. We have access to -- I</p> <p>12 believe the title is the chairman of that</p> <p>13 board, Mickey -- I don't remember his last</p> <p>14 name. Michael -- I'm drawing a blank.</p> <p>15 Q How often do you meet --</p> <p>16 A Hold on one second. Give me one</p> <p>17 second here. Michael Felice.</p> <p>18 Q Is that F-E-L-I-C-E?</p> <p>19 A That's correct.</p> <p>20 Q How often do you meet with Mr. Felice</p> <p>21 or how often do you communicate with</p> <p>22 Mr. Felice?</p> <p>23 A The normal review cycle has been once</p> <p>24 a year. There have been -- unless something</p> <p>25 unusual occurs such as a resignation of a</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">34</p> <p>1 Dodge</p> <p>2 senior person or something, the regular</p> <p>3 scheduled meetings are once a year.</p> <p>4 Q When are those meetings held?</p> <p>5 A June.</p> <p>6 Q Did you attend the most recent</p> <p>7 meeting?</p> <p>8 A I did.</p> <p>9 Q Was there any discussion of the</p> <p>10 Steelworkers' investment in Veeco</p> <p>11 Instruments during that meeting?</p> <p>12 A What do you mean by any discussions?</p> <p>13 Q Did the name Veeco Instruments come</p> <p>14 up during your most recent meeting?</p> <p>15 A Yes, the name came up.</p> <p>16 Q Okay. In what context?</p> <p>17 A It was one of the poorest-performing</p> <p>18 stocks that the portfolio held during the</p> <p>19 performance period of the first quarter of</p> <p>20 this year ending March 31st.</p> <p>21 Q Was there any discussion during that</p> <p>22 meeting concerning the reasons for Veeco</p> <p>23 Instruments' stock performance during that</p> <p>24 period?</p> <p>25 A No.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">36</p> <p>1 Dodge</p> <p>2 to mark that as Dodge Exhibit 1.</p> <p>3 (Whereupon a document bearing</p> <p>4 production numbers SPT13 through</p> <p>5 SPT21 was marked as Dodge Exhibit 1</p> <p>6 for identification, as of this date.)</p> <p>7 MR. WALLIN: For the record,</p> <p>8 it's Bates stamped SPT13 through</p> <p>9 SPT21.</p> <p>10 Q If you could just take a look at that</p> <p>11 document for a moment, Mr. Dodge. Let me</p> <p>12 know when you have had a chance to look at</p> <p>13 it.</p> <p>14 A I've reviewed the documents.</p> <p>15 Q Do you recognize this as the</p> <p>16 investment management agreement between Fox</p> <p>17 Asset Management and Steelworkers Pension</p> <p>18 Trust?</p> <p>19 A I do.</p> <p>20 Q Look, if you would, on page 4 of 10</p> <p>21 on this document. It's Bates stamped SPT</p> <p>22 16.</p> <p>23 This paragraph indicates that Fox</p> <p>24 Asset Management is required to provide some</p> <p>25 sort of quarterly reports to the</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">35</p> <p>1 Dodge</p> <p>2 Q Was there any discussion during that</p> <p>3 meeting of why Fox Asset Management had</p> <p>4 chosen to invest in Veeco Instruments on the</p> <p>5 Steelworkers Pension Trust's behalf?</p> <p>6 A No.</p> <p>7 Q Do you know who attended these annual</p> <p>8 meetings with the Steelworkers Pension Trust</p> <p>9 prior to you joining the firm?</p> <p>10 A No, the most recent ones I don't.</p> <p>11 Peter Skirkanich attended in the past. I</p> <p>12 don't have recollection of whether or not</p> <p>13 Mr. Lamberti ever went, and I believe on one</p> <p>14 occasion Jeff Balae, who I mentioned as a</p> <p>15 member of Fox Asset, LLC, attended during</p> <p>16 the interim because the principal concern</p> <p>17 was the replacement of the CEO following</p> <p>18 Mr. Skirkanich's departure, and Mr. Sloan</p> <p>19 accompanied him. I'm not sure of the date.</p> <p>20 I want to say February, perhaps.</p> <p>21 MR. WALLIN: I'll ask you to</p> <p>22 pull out your binder of documents</p> <p>23 that I sent you, Mr. Dodge, and look,</p> <p>24 if you would, at the last tab in the</p> <p>25 binder. It's tab 21, and I'm going</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">37</p> <p>1 Dodge</p> <p>2 Steelworkers Pension Trust; is that correct?</p> <p>3 A That's correct.</p> <p>4 Q What are the nature of the reports</p> <p>5 that are provided to the Steelworkers</p> <p>6 Pension Trust?</p> <p>7 A We -- we provide an appraisal to the</p> <p>8 listing of the securities, including the</p> <p>9 cross basis market value dividend yield, a</p> <p>10 percentage of the portfolio in that</p> <p>11 particular category.</p> <p>12 We provide a performance sheet that</p> <p>13 shows the performance versus benchmarks, and</p> <p>14 we provide a transaction summary which shows</p> <p>15 all activities in the account, in and out,</p> <p>16 including sales and purchases of securities</p> <p>17 as follow -- well, as cash from dividends</p> <p>18 and interest and any withdrawals that were</p> <p>19 made by the owner of the fund.</p> <p>20 Q Am I correct that Fox Asset</p> <p>21 Management has the authority to make</p> <p>22 investment decision on behalf of the</p> <p>23 Steelworkers Pension Trust without</p> <p>24 consulting the trust?</p> <p>25 A That's correct.</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">38</p> <p>1 Dodge</p> <p>2 Q To your knowledge, has Fox Asset</p> <p>3 Management ever consulted with the</p> <p>4 Steelworkers Pension Trust prior to making</p> <p>5 an investment decision on behalf of the</p> <p>6 Steelworkers Pension Fund's behalf?</p> <p>7 A To the best of my knowledge, that has</p> <p>8 never happened.</p> <p>9 Q Has Fox Asset Management ever been</p> <p>10 asked by the Steelworkers Pension Trust</p> <p>11 after an investment decision was made what</p> <p>12 the basis for the decision was?</p> <p>13 A Not that I'm aware of.</p> <p>14 Q Is that typical for large pension</p> <p>15 investors like the Steelworkers Pension</p> <p>16 Trust?</p> <p>17 A I think it's quite normal that the</p> <p>18 fiduciaries would not ask questions about</p> <p>19 additional securities in the portfolio.</p> <p>20 Q Other than the discussion that you</p> <p>21 mentioned during the most recent annual</p> <p>22 meeting, are you aware of any discussions</p> <p>23 between Fox Asset Management and the</p> <p>24 Steelworkers Pension Trust concerning Veeco</p> <p>25 Instruments?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">40</p> <p>1 Dodge</p> <p>2 A To the best of my knowledge and</p> <p>3 according to our records, no.</p> <p>4 Q What do you mean about Veeco's</p> <p>5 business, the nature of it?</p> <p>6 A I don't know a lot, to be honest with</p> <p>7 you. It's electronic instruments and</p> <p>8 devices used for the manufacturer of</p> <p>9 microelectronic parts located in New York or</p> <p>10 Long Island, relatively small company, and</p> <p>11 that's about the extent of my knowledge.</p> <p>12 Q Do you know if Fox Asset Management</p> <p>13 at any point during the last three years has</p> <p>14 ever communicated directly with anyone</p> <p>15 employed by Veeco Instruments?</p> <p>16 A I believe there's been some contact</p> <p>17 with the investor relations person by Peter</p> <p>18 Skirkanich, but I cannot confirm that.</p> <p>19 Q Why do you think that such a</p> <p>20 communication may have taken place?</p> <p>21 A Because I've discussed the situation</p> <p>22 with members of the staff who were here</p> <p>23 during that period, and that's the best</p> <p>24 recollection that I can find among the staff</p> <p>25 members of any contact.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">39</p> <p>1 Dodge</p> <p>2 A I am not aware of any, no.</p> <p>3 Q And I used the word "discussions,"</p> <p>4 and I mean written communications as well;</p> <p>5 would that be correct?</p> <p>6 A Yes. That wouldn't be any cause to</p> <p>7 change -- still, to the best of my</p> <p>8 knowledge, obviously, as I said, there's a</p> <p>9 client service function here.</p> <p>10 Q Yes.</p> <p>11 A And to the extent of my knowledge of</p> <p>12 that, not knowing all and everything that</p> <p>13 Phil Sloan does on every given day with any</p> <p>14 given account, I would say there has been</p> <p>15 none.</p> <p>16 Q Look back at the Dodge Exhibit 1 to</p> <p>17 page 4 of 10 which we were looking at</p> <p>18 before, paragraph 15, subpart B which states</p> <p>19 that Fox is expected to be able to produce</p> <p>20 upon request of the client documentation of</p> <p>21 its buy, sell and hold decisions.</p> <p>22 A Yes.</p> <p>23 Q Did the Steelworkers Pension Trust</p> <p>24 ever request any documentation of the sort</p> <p>25 referenced in this subpart to paragraph 15?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">41</p> <p>1 Dodge</p> <p>2 Q Do you know approximately when that</p> <p>3 communication may have taken place?</p> <p>4 A No. There's no specific recollection</p> <p>5 of when, other than there was some effort by</p> <p>6 Mr. Skirkanich to maintain regular contact</p> <p>7 with the investor relations contact person.</p> <p>8 Q Do you know who that investors</p> <p>9 relations contact person was?</p> <p>10 A I do not, no, and I asked members of</p> <p>11 the staff that were most familiar, and the</p> <p>12 answer I got was if I saw, I believe, this</p> <p>13 woman's name I would remember it, but none</p> <p>14 of them remember that person's name off the</p> <p>15 top of their head.</p> <p>16 Q Okay. I take it that they remember</p> <p>17 it was a woman rather than a man?</p> <p>18 A I would say that's speculation. I'm</p> <p>19 not sure.</p> <p>20 Q Okay. Fine. I believe that you</p> <p>21 previously described Veeco Instruments as a</p> <p>22 company in the high-tech or electronic</p> <p>23 instruments sector; is that correct?</p> <p>24 A I think that's a fair representation</p> <p>25 of what I said, yes.</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">42</p> <p>1 Dodge</p> <p>2 Q What sources of information does Fox</p> <p>3 Asset Management currently use to follow</p> <p>4 that sector?</p> <p>5 A We use Wall Street research in</p> <p>6 particular, industry reports and general</p> <p>7 news services and standard federal filing.</p> <p>8 Q Are there particular Wall Street</p> <p>9 research outlets that Fox Asset Management</p> <p>10 relies on with respect to this sector?</p> <p>11 A I don't think I'd single out one.</p> <p>12 Q Are there particular industry reports</p> <p>13 that Fox Asset Management relies on?</p> <p>14 A Industry reports is pretty general.</p> <p>15 When I say industry reports, I mean to say</p> <p>16 trade press and things like that.</p> <p>17 Q I see.</p> <p>18 A So whatever's available.</p> <p>19 Q How has the high-tech sector</p> <p>20 performed as a whole over the last three</p> <p>21 years?</p> <p>22 A Without being specific, not very</p> <p>23 good.</p> <p>24 Q How is it performed as compared to</p> <p>25 other major sectors in the market?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">44</p> <p>1 Dodge</p> <p>2 MS. PARKER: That's fine.</p> <p>3 3:45, say, 3:50?</p> <p>4 MS. KARP: That's fine.</p> <p>5 (Whereupon, a recess was taken</p> <p>6 from 3:45 p.m. until 3:50 p.m.)</p> <p>7 Q You mentioned a rally in the</p> <p>8 high-tech sector towards the end of 2003.</p> <p>9 Do you know when that rally ended?</p> <p>10 A I don't know that it has, to be</p> <p>11 honest with you.</p> <p>12 Q You mentioned earlier in your</p> <p>13 deposition a number of factors that Fox</p> <p>14 Asset Management uses in evaluating</p> <p>15 potential investments. Am I correct that</p> <p>16 certain factors are more important than</p> <p>17 others depending on the sector?</p> <p>18 A No, I don't think so.</p> <p>19 Q Are there financial matrixes that you</p> <p>20 regard as more important in evaluating the</p> <p>21 potential future performance of high tech</p> <p>22 companies as opposed to companies in other</p> <p>23 sectors?</p> <p>24 A Did I hear you say factors?</p> <p>25 Q No, I said financial matrix.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">43</p> <p>1 Dodge</p> <p>2 A For three years?</p> <p>3 Q Yes.</p> <p>4 A It's underperformed.</p> <p>5 Q Is it underperformed for the last two</p> <p>6 years as well?</p> <p>7 A It's different -- it's hard for me to</p> <p>8 know in the past two years. There's been a</p> <p>9 really big rally, in fact, that began</p> <p>10 sometime in late 2003 or in 2003, depending</p> <p>11 on what sector, and I'm not sure that the</p> <p>12 magnitude of that rally has been impressive</p> <p>13 in absolute terms, and I would think there</p> <p>14 is not anywhere near as significant an</p> <p>15 underperformance as there would be in the</p> <p>16 three-year level.</p> <p>17 Q To your knowledge, did Fox Asset</p> <p>18 Management ever have any access to any</p> <p>19 nonpublic information concerning Veeco</p> <p>20 Instruments?</p> <p>21 A No.</p> <p>22 MR. WALLIN: I'd like to take</p> <p>23 about a five-minute break here, and</p> <p>24 then hopefully we can just go through</p> <p>25 to the end if that's okay.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">45</p> <p>1 Dodge</p> <p>2 A Financial matrix. Generally, no.</p> <p>3 Research and development spending can be</p> <p>4 considered as a more important issue in</p> <p>5 technology in most industries, but with that</p> <p>6 exception, I would say no.</p> <p>7 Q Do you regard research and</p> <p>8 development spending as a positive sign in</p> <p>9 high-tech industries?</p> <p>10 A Relative R&D spending, that would be</p> <p>11 relative to peers, yes.</p> <p>12 Q Why is that positive in review of</p> <p>13 that sector?</p> <p>14 A The life cycle of technology products</p> <p>15 is pretty short, and staying in front of the</p> <p>16 curve, the technology curve, the leading</p> <p>17 edge of technological development is</p> <p>18 dependent, staying on the leading edge of</p> <p>19 technological development is dependent on</p> <p>20 continued reinvestment profits into research</p> <p>21 and development.</p> <p>22 Q Any other matrix that you consider</p> <p>23 particularly important in the high-tech</p> <p>24 sector?</p> <p>25 A No.</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">46</p> <p>1 Dodge</p> <p>2 Q Do you consider the strength of a</p> <p>3 company's technology to be particularly</p> <p>4 important in the high-tech sector?</p> <p>5 A I don't know what strength of</p> <p>6 technology means.</p> <p>7 Q Do you consider the financial</p> <p>8 potential of technology under development to</p> <p>9 be an unusual important factor in the</p> <p>10 high-tech industry?</p> <p>11 A If you don't mind my asking, you mean</p> <p>12 future potential? The future potential of a</p> <p>13 product is important in the future sector.</p> <p>14 I don't believe it's any more important in</p> <p>15 technology than in medicine or lots of other</p> <p>16 industries. I don't think it's a unique</p> <p>17 variable for technology, no.</p> <p>18 Q Do you consider the technical</p> <p>19 viability of a company's technology under</p> <p>20 development to be a particular important</p> <p>21 factor in the high-tech industry? I'm not</p> <p>22 trying to be difficult.</p> <p>23 A I know you're not. The credibility</p> <p>24 of a future potential of a product is so</p> <p>25 dependent.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">48</p> <p>1 Dodge</p> <p>2 transactions involving Veeco Instruments</p> <p>3 between 1/02/1997 and 11/28/05 for the</p> <p>4 account of Steelworkers Pension Trust.</p> <p>5 Q Is this an internal Fox Asset</p> <p>6 Management document? In other words, is</p> <p>7 this a document that you provide to clients?</p> <p>8 A Yes.</p> <p>9 Q Is it part of the quarterly reports</p> <p>10 that were referenced in the investment</p> <p>11 management agreement that we looked at</p> <p>12 previously?</p> <p>13 A Similar details.</p> <p>14 Q Am I correct that when Fox Asset</p> <p>15 Management makes a decision to invest in a</p> <p>16 particular company, that it may well</p> <p>17 purchase securities in the targeted company</p> <p>18 on behalf of more than one client?</p> <p>19 A That's generally the case, yes. Not</p> <p>20 a hundred percent of the time, but it's</p> <p>21 generally the case.</p> <p>22 Q All I'm trying to get at is, I wanted</p> <p>23 to confirm that investment evaluations are</p> <p>24 not necessarily client specific.</p> <p>25 A I'm not sure I understand. When you</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">47</p> <p>1 Dodge</p> <p>2 Q Let me get down to specifics. How do</p> <p>3 you evaluate the credibility of a high-tech</p> <p>4 company's technology?</p> <p>5 A Well, we rely on the opinion of other</p> <p>6 analysts, specialists, as reported in the</p> <p>7 trade press, as I mentioned before. Our</p> <p>8 general knowledge of the solution that the</p> <p>9 product brings to process. The breadth of</p> <p>10 the application potential of the technology</p> <p>11 across industries or products as we would</p> <p>12 learn from talking to the company, talking</p> <p>13 to other industry specialists and analysts,</p> <p>14 but ultimately it's a judgment call.</p> <p>15 Q Go back to your binder, if you would,</p> <p>16 and look at tab 12 which has been previously</p> <p>17 marked as Hoffman Exhibit 12 and was a</p> <p>18 document that was produced by your counsel</p> <p>19 several days ago.</p> <p>20 A I have it in front of me.</p> <p>21 Q Do you recognize this document?</p> <p>22 A I do.</p> <p>23 Q Can you tell me what that document</p> <p>24 is?</p> <p>25 A This document is a summary of</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">49</p> <p>1 Dodge</p> <p>2 say investment evaluations --</p> <p>3 Q In other words, you're not evaluating</p> <p>4 the potential investments solely for</p> <p>5 including it in one client's portfolio?</p> <p>6 A No, not generally. We're evaluating</p> <p>7 the relative attractiveness of the</p> <p>8 individual security first and then using it</p> <p>9 in whatever client mandate is relevant.</p> <p>10 Q I'm not going to ask you to confirm</p> <p>11 that the exact trade amounts listed on</p> <p>12 Exhibit 12 here are correct. I believe that</p> <p>13 counsel for Fox -- for the Steelworkers</p> <p>14 Pension Trust has already confirmed that</p> <p>15 they believe that the quantities are</p> <p>16 correct. What I want to ask you about is</p> <p>17 the reasons behind these investment</p> <p>18 decisions.</p> <p>19 Take a look at the first transaction.</p> <p>20 The purchase of transaction shares on</p> <p>21 November 29, 2000.</p> <p>22 A Yes.</p> <p>23 Q What facts are you aware of that</p> <p>24 exhibited the Fox Asset Management decision</p> <p>25 to purchase that block of shares on behalf</p>

<p style="text-align: right;">50</p> <p>1 Dodge</p> <p>2 of the Steelworkers Pension Trust?</p> <p>3 A I have no facts.</p> <p>4 Q Do you have any idea why that</p> <p>5 investment decision was made?</p> <p>6 A Not without speculation.</p> <p>7 Q Do you know what materials Fox Asset</p> <p>8 Management considered in deciding to invest</p> <p>9 in Veeco at that time, November 29th, 2000?</p> <p>10 A I do not.</p> <p>11 Q Who would know the answers to those</p> <p>12 questions?</p> <p>13 A Peter Skirkanich.</p> <p>14 Q When was the last time you spoke to</p> <p>15 Mr. Skirkanich?</p> <p>16 A I've never spoken to Mr. Skirkanich.</p> <p>17 Q Do you have any idea why Fox Asset</p> <p>18 Management decided to purchase securities of</p> <p>19 Veeco Instruments on October 25, 2001?</p> <p>20 A I do not.</p> <p>21 Q Do you have any idea why they decided</p> <p>22 to purchase securities in Veeco Instruments</p> <p>23 on September 24th of 23003?</p> <p>24 A I do not.</p> <p>25 Q Would Mr. Skirkanich have been</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">52</p> <p>1 Dodge</p> <p>2 Q Would Mr. Skirkanich be knowledgeable</p> <p>3 of that?</p> <p>4 A You'd have to ask Mr. Skirkanich.</p> <p>5 Q Is it your expectation that he would</p> <p>6 be knowledgeable of that decision?</p> <p>7 A He should be.</p> <p>8 Q Do you have any knowledge concerning</p> <p>9 the purchase of Veeco Instruments securities</p> <p>10 in May 2005 as listed in Exhibit 12?</p> <p>11 A I'm sorry. You said purchase?</p> <p>12 Q Yes. I'm looking at the two</p> <p>13 transactions on May 14th and May 17th of</p> <p>14 2004.</p> <p>15 A Purchase -- okay. Rephrase the</p> <p>16 question, please.</p> <p>17 Q Do you have any knowledge of why --</p> <p>18 let me back up.</p> <p>19 Do you see on Exhibit 12 that Fox</p> <p>20 Asset Management apparently purchased 40,000</p> <p>21 shares of Veeco stock on the Steelworkers</p> <p>22 Pension Trust behalf in two lots in the</p> <p>23 middle of May of 2004?</p> <p>24 A I do.</p> <p>25 Q Do you know why that investment</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">51</p> <p>1 Dodge</p> <p>2 responsible for the latter two investment</p> <p>3 decisions as well?</p> <p>4 A That's correct.</p> <p>5 Q Is there anyone within Fox Asset</p> <p>6 Management which is more knowledgeable of</p> <p>7 you as to why those investment decisions</p> <p>8 were made?</p> <p>9 A Not that I have been able to</p> <p>10 determine.</p> <p>11 Q Do I take it by that that you've</p> <p>12 investigated whether there's anyone</p> <p>13 currently employed by Fox Asset Management</p> <p>14 that is knowledgeable of those investment</p> <p>15 decisions?</p> <p>16 A That's correct.</p> <p>17 Q Exhibit 12 also reflects the sale of</p> <p>18 40,000 shares of Veeco Instruments stock on</p> <p>19 January 6, 2004 in three separate lots. Do</p> <p>20 you see that?</p> <p>21 A I do.</p> <p>22 Q Do you know why the decision was made</p> <p>23 to sell Veeco Instruments stock at that</p> <p>24 time?</p> <p>25 A I do not.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">53</p> <p>1 Dodge</p> <p>2 decision was made?</p> <p>3 A I do not.</p> <p>4 Q Do you have any idea what materials</p> <p>5 Fox Asset Management relied on in making</p> <p>6 that investment decision?</p> <p>7 A I do not.</p> <p>8 Q Let's look at the two transactions on</p> <p>9 May 25, 2005. Am I correct that Exhibit 12</p> <p>10 reflects the sale of 40,000 shares of Veeco</p> <p>11 stock at that time?</p> <p>12 A That's correct.</p> <p>13 Q Do you know why the decision to sell</p> <p>14 Veeco stock was made at that time?</p> <p>15 A Yes, I do.</p> <p>16 Q Why was the decision made to sell at</p> <p>17 that time?</p> <p>18 A It was our belief that the earnings</p> <p>19 and price earnings multiple would fall</p> <p>20 outside of our acceptable range. The stock</p> <p>21 had been under significant pressure since</p> <p>22 the beginning of the year and was down close</p> <p>23 to a level where we would normally sell it,</p> <p>24 and we did.</p> <p>25 Q When you say it had been down to a</p>

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2 level where you would normally sell it, are

3 you referring to a P/E ratio?

4 A We're not going to allow a stock to

5 just keep going down and it was

6 fundamentally unattractive, and that

7 unattractiveness was fundamental of the

8 ratio at that time.

9 Q What other factors made you consider

10 to sell other than the price earnings ratio?

11 A I don't know that they're -- I don't

12 believe there were any other significant

13 issues. It was the fundamental outlook for

14 earnings and the price earnings ratio based

15 on that fundamental outlook of earnings.

16 Q What materials did Fox Asset

17 Management review in reaching the decision

18 to sell at that time?

19 A I do not know specifically.

20 Q Who made the decision?

21 A Gregory Greene.

22 Q Did he consult with you in making

23 that decision?

24 A It was a group decision.

25 Q What is the general manner that Fox

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2 other clients, but did Fox Asset Management

3 purchase Veeco Instrument stocks on behalf

4 of other clients besides the Steelworkers

5 Pension Trust?

6 A One other account in May of '04.

7 Q Okay. Did Fox Asset Management, to

8 your knowledge, ever invest any of its own

9 funds in Veeco Instruments?

10 A Ever?

11 Q That you're aware of.

12 A I'm sorry. Did you say ever?

13 Q Yes, or in the last four years.

14 A I don't know. If you were to confine

15 it to the dates involving -- in the last two

16 years or three years, I'm pretty sure the

17 answer is no.

18 Q Had Fox Assets Management's

19 assessment of the potential of Veeco

20 Instruments' technology changed between May

21 of 2004 and May of 2005?

22 A I have no way of knowing.

23 Q What internal communications do you

24 recall within Fox Asset Management

25 concerning the decision to sell Veeco

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2 Asset Management does to monitor the

3 performance of investments?

4 A I'm sorry. Could you repeat that or

5 rephrase the question?

6 Q What is the general manner which Fox

7 Asset Management does to monitor the

8 performance of investments?

9 A Well, we have people that watch them

10 almost on a daily basis. The investment

11 committee meets weekly or about weekly and

12 considers important movement in Fox. Any

13 stocks that move significantly in any

14 direction is discussed most often.

15 We have quarterly reviews where we

16 review the account situation as part of an

17 account review. Like I said, that's on a

18 quarterly basis. So some aspects daily,

19 other aspects roughly weekly and formal

20 reviews on a quarterly basis.

21 Q Do you recall any discussion of Fox

22 Asset Management and Veeco Instruments

23 during these quarterly reviews?

24 A I do not.

25 Q I won't ask you the specific names of

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2 Instruments' securities in May of 2005?

3 A I don't recall any and I don't have

4 any.

5 Q Well, how did you become aware that

6 the decision had been made to sell

7 securities at that time?

8 A I looked at the transaction summary,

9 which is what is Exhibit 12, redacted, and

10 also I inquired of the various members of

11 the investment staff who would have executed

12 the order and what the reason for it was.

13 Q Okay. Am I correct that you didn't

14 know about the decision at the time it was

15 made?

16 A I don't recall. You know, I don't

17 recall the specific decision, no.

18 Q Do you know which securities analysts

19 have covered Veeco during the last couple of

20 years?

21 A Do you mean to say Fox analysts or do

22 you mean to say outside analysts?

23 Q I mean to say outside analysts.

24 A I do not know.

25 Q Do you know if Mr. Greene spoke to

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2 any employees of Veeco Instruments prior to

3 reaching the decision to sell Fox Asset

4 Management's investment in Veeco?

5 A We did not.

6 Q Did Fox Asset Management speak to

7 anyone at the Steelworkers Pension Trust

8 prior to selling those securities?

9 A I don't believe so.

10 Q Are you aware that Veeco announced in

11 early 2005 that it was going to be restating

12 earnings for certain prior periods?

13 A Yes.

14 Q Do you know what periods?

15 A I believe it's for third and second

16 quarters of 2004, but I'm not certain.

17 Q Do you believe that Fox Asset

18 Management was somehow misled by Veeco

19 Instruments into purchasing Veeco stock?

20 A I have no reason to believe that's

21 correct.

22 MR. WALLIN: Okay. Give me

23 just five minutes here and I'm going

24 to go through and make sure. I think

25 I need only ten more minutes, but I

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2 want to make sure I have everything

3 covered, okay? Is that all right?

4 MS. KARP: Yes.

5 (Whereupon, a recess was taken

6 from 4:22 p.m. to 4:27 p.m.)

7 Q Mr. Dodge, I think I know the answer

8 to this question from talking to your

9 counsel, but were you able to locate any

10 documents in the files of Fox Asset

11 Management that Fox Asset Management used in

12 evaluating its investment decisions with

13 respect to Veeco Instruments?

14 A Yes. Not much. A couple of annual

15 reports.

16 Q Are you aware of any criticism that

17 the Steelworkers Pension Trust has directed

18 at Fox Asset Management concerning Fox Asset

19 Management's decision to purchase Veeco

20 Instruments securities?

21 A I believe there's been no criticism.

22 MR. WALLIN: Okay. I think

23 that's it.

24 I appreciate your appearing on

25 such short notice, Mr. Dodge, and I

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2 appreciate you suffering through the

3 inconvenience of proceeding by

4 telephone.

5 THE WITNESS: Well you don't

6 need to apologize. No apology

7 required. Glad to be of service.

8 MR. WALLIN: Okay. Unless

9 Phyllis has nothing, I believe we're

10 done.

11 MS. PARKER: No. I have no

12 questions.

13 MR. WALLIN: Thank you.

14 MS. KARP: Thank you.

15 (Time noted: 4:32 p.m.)

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WILLIAM DODGE

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19 Subscribed and sworn to before me

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9 by myself; that the party was represented by
10 counsel as appears herein;

11 That the within transcript is a true
12 record of the Deposition of said witness;

13 That I am not connected by blood or
14 marriage with any of the parties; that I am not
15 interested directly or indirectly in the outcome
16 of this matter; that I am not in the employ of
17 any of the counsel.

18 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set
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